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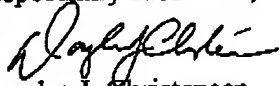
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Attached please find the following for filing in the above-identified application.

(1) Amendment (10 pgs.) in response to Office Action dated January 10, 2005 with legible copies of NPL documents (12 pgs.).

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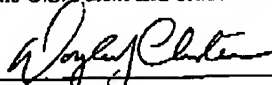
  
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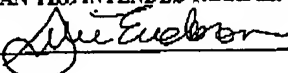
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action of January 10, 2005, amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested.

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

- A. Amendments to the Claims
- B. Remarks

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